

# MINUTES OF THE BIG LOCAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

**Monday 3 November 2014**  
**At Arbour Drive Community Centre**

<b>Present:</b>	Alan Bucknall (Chair)	AB
	Anne Barrass	ABa
	Phil Dale	PD
	Dave Abraham	DA
	Kev Fordham	KF
	Tim Leach	TL
	Cath McCartan	CM
	Pam Mitchell	PM
	Cynthia Parr	CP
	Tony Simmonds	TS
	Marie Simmonds	MS
	Rachel Cole	RC
	Steve Ruffle	SR
	Alister Shaw	AS
	Andrea Pears	AP
	Mark Heaton	ME
	Shaz Biggin	SB
	Sharon Gill	SG
<b>Apologies:</b>	Nathan Lewis	NL
	Kay Mosley	KM
	Diane Oxley	DO
	Julie Barnett	JB
	Denise Lelliott	DL

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Introductions</b> Alan welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone present introduced themselves.
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Minutes from 13 October 2014</b> These were agreed.  <b>2.5 – AGM</b> – Steve advised that at the last meeting it was agreed that Alan would continue as Chair and Tony would become Vice-Chair. Steve asked that everyone present would take a vote on this to make sure everyone was happy with this. A vote took place and it was agreed.  The AGM will be held on Friday 16 January 2015 at the Welfare Community Hall from 7pm until 9pm.
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Libraries</b> Mark Heaton introduced himself from Thurcroft Library. Mark advised that councils are trying to save money and are closing some libraries, although this has not happened yet in Rotherham. The library provides a service for everyone including reading and IT based activities. Thurcroft library is currently located in the junior school. However, this is not an ideal location

	<p>as it is not very accessible or easy to find. Mark advised that some libraries are on shared premises i.e. in Wickersley and Dinnington they are in community centres so bills can be shared and there is better footfall. Thorpe Hesley has a library next to the church and this too works well. A new location for Thurcroft library would be really good. Mark advised that the Parish Council have said the library can go in the Gordon Bennett Memorial Hall but an extension would be required and they have no money to put into this. The Copeland Lodge was mentioned as a possible venue as was the Cricket Pavilion once it has been redeveloped.</p>
<p><b>2.3</b></p>	<p><b>Subcommittees and Milestones</b></p> <p><b>Cricket Pavilion</b> – Cath will lead on this project. The sub group will be made up of the following people:- Cath, Diane, Rachel, Julie, Anne, Kay, a representative from the football and cricket club, the Pavilion caretaker, a representative from the Club and 2 youth people from the Youth Club. By the end of 2014 the group hopes to have put in a tender for an architect and have visited other projects. Early 2015 – Budget – indicative with them and legal relationship with the club. Spring 2015 – submit application for planning. June 2015 – build starts. November 2015 – building will be hopefully be complete.</p> <p><b>Neighbourhood Crime and Safety</b> – Julie will lead on this project. The sub group will be made up of the following people:- Marie, Tony, Kev and Phil. Julie is to meet with the existing group to find out if they wish to continue. She will then agree milestones with the group.</p> <p><b>Greener Thurcroft</b> – Anne will lead on this project. In November 2014 an open day will be held in the shop to promote a cleaner Thurcroft and hopefully recruit volunteers. Next litter picks are planned for January/February 2015.</p> <p><b>Events and Gala</b> – Diane will lead on this project. The sub group will be made up of the following people:- Cath, Kay and Rachel. Lots of events have already been organised including Christmas, AGM, Pie &amp; Peas, Ice Rink, Easter and the Gala.</p> <p><b>Pit Top</b> – Alan and Tim will lead on this project. Community consultation is yet to take place regarding the solar farm. It was suggested inviting FCC (the company wanting to develop the farm) to attend a big local meeting.</p> <p><b>Training into Work</b> – Alan will lead on this project. January/February 2015 – meet local businesses about needs/identify human resources contacts.</p> <p><b>Small Grants</b> – Steve, Tim and Kev will lead on this project. December 2014 – closure of first round. January 2015 – results and celebratory event. March 2015 – second round of grants. July 2015 – Further celebration.</p> <p><b>Youth Work</b> – October 2014 – Funding for youth workers applied for. December 2014 – 2 young people on Pavilion group. January 2015 – Adult volunteers finish their training. November 2015 – Youth base open. November 2016 – 2 trained youth workers.</p> <p><b>Publicity</b> – A newsletter to be produced in early 2015.</p>
<p><b>2.4</b></p>	<p><b>Christmas Light Switch On</b></p> <p>The Christmas Light Switch On, in partnership with the Parish Council, will be held on Friday 5 December 2014. The lights will be switched on at 6pm outside the Gordon Bennett. Other entertainment will included Frozen characters, fairground rides, face painter, crafts and Mr Dan, who will finish with a show in the Club at 6.30pm. 2400 leaflets will be printed and distributed in the village.</p>

<b>2.5</b>	<b>AGM</b> The AGM will be held on Friday 16 January 2015 at the Welfare Community Hall. People who have been successful in receiving a small grant will be presented with their grant at this meeting. There will also be some entertainment and food will be served.
<b>2.6</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 8 December 2014 at 6.30pm at Arbour Drive Community Centre.